

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, 14, 17, 20, and 21. Claims 2, 7, 9-13, 15, 16, 19, and 24-29 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-6, 8, 14, 17, 18, and 20-23 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

In telephone conferences with attorney Sidney Weatherford on November 28, 2007 and with attorney Steven W. Smith on February 4, 2008, Examiner Seye stated that claim 1 would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of dependent claims 9-13, and corresponding method claim 17 would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of dependent claims 19 and 24-26.

The Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of dependent claims 9-13, and claims 9-13 have been canceled. Therefore, the allowance of amended claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-6, 8, and 14 depend from amended claim 1 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 1. Therefore, the allowance of claims 3-6, 8, and 14 is respectfully requested.

The Applicant has amended independent claim 17 to include the limitations of dependent claims 19 and 24-26, and claims 19 and 24-26 have been canceled. Therefore, the allowance of amended claim 17 is respectfully requested.

Claims 18 and 20-23 depend from amended claim 17 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 17. Therefore, the allowance of claims 18 and 20-23 is respectfully requested.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

On Page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cezary Dubnicki et al ("Software Support

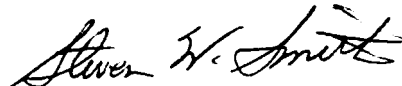
for Virtual Memory-Mapped Communication", 1996, pages 372-381) in view of Morris, et al. (US 7,007,157). This rejection has been rendered moot in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter above and the Applicant's amendments.

4.) Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 3-6, 8, 14, 17, 18, and 20-23.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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